Court orders GMA transfer to Veterans



HOW THE SHOE IS ON THE OTHER FOOT In this photo taken on May 19, 2001, then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo visits ousted President Joseph Estrada at the presidential suite of Veterans Memorial Medical Center in Quezon City where he was detained along with his son, then San Juan Mayor Jinggoy Estrada. INQUIRER FILE PHOTO

By Jeannette I. Andrade and DJ Yap

GLORIA Macapagal-Arroyo, under arrest for alleged electoral sabotage, will be transferred to the same presidential suite at Veterans Memorial Medical Center (VMMC) in Quezon City where President Aquino's father, Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr., was confined in the 1970s to recuperate from his hunger strike during martial law.

The 320-square-meter suite in an inner wing of VMMC was also where the former President's deposed predecessor, Joseph Estrada, stayed after being indicted for plunder and before moving finally to his rest house in Tanay, Rizal province. (See story on this page.)

COURT A13

Erap, Jinggoy tell GMA: Bring mousetraps

By Nancy C. Carvajal and Cathy C. Yamsuan

THE PRESIDENTIAL suite of Veterans Memorial Medical Center (VMMC) where former President Joseph Estrada and his son Jinggoy were detained for three years on plunder charges is being spruced up for its next tenant, former President and now Pampanga Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

ERAP A13

SC takes De Lima to task



NEW HEROES President Aquino shares the stage with the winners of the 2011 Bagong Bayani Awards in Malacañang on Thursday. The Bagong Bayani Awards is a private sector-led national search for the country's outstanding and exemplary overseas Filipino workers who are the Philippines' modern-day heroes. (See story on Page A18.) PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER PHOTO

Travel ban on Arroyo questioned

By Marlon Ramos

JUSTICE Secretary Leila de Lima yesterday came under tough questioning from the justices appointed by then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo to the Supreme Court, with one of the magistrates accusing her of acting "like you are more powerful than the court."

For almost three hours, De Lima stood before the 15-member tribunal—12 of whom were appointed to their posts during Arroyo's nine-year presidency—during oral arguments on the legality of the travel ban De Lima issued against Arroyo last month.

In one exchange, Associate Justice Teresita Leonardo-De Castro suggested that De Lima may have overreached her authority, saying: "The way you interpret the law shows that you are more powerful than the court."

De Lima insisted that the Department of Justice (DOJ) Circular No. 41

SC TAKES A19



SOCCER star David Beckham arrives in Manila for a game against the Philippine Azkals on Saturday.

Red carpet rolled out for Beckham

By Cedelf P. Tupas
Sports

IN A COUNTRY where football mania had shot to unprecedented heights over the last 12 months, it was a certified red carpet day.

Five months after a slew of NBA stars came over to strut their stuff in Manila, the Philippines welcomed another global

RED CARPET A17

Plot vs GMA work of fiction, says P-Noy

By Norman Bordadora and DJ Yap

THEY MUST have seen too many spy thrillers or read too many conspiracy novels.

That was the reaction of President Aquino and other administration officials and supporters to claims by the camp of former President and now Pampanga Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo about a supposed plot by the administration to kill her.

"You're asking too long a question about a work of fiction. I'm starting to look like a fool answering it," Mr. Aquino said yesterday in Filipino when asked about the allegation.

The unverified report was sprung on the media the other day by Elena Bautista-Horn, spokesperson of the now Pampanga

PLOT A19



₱10,000 more for gov't workers

By Norman Bordadora

PRESIDENT Aquino yesterday announced that the national government would give ₱10,000 in additional holiday bonus to each of the 1.17 million civil servants, including those hired on temporary, casual or contractual basis.

The full amount will be given to employees who had rendered at least four months of service as of Nov. 30.

"On top of the (13th month pay and the ₱5,000 cash gift), there is a ₱10,000 productivity enhancement incentive (PEI), which is due to be given by Dec. 15," Mr. Aquino said.

"So, both the 13th month and the cash gift are mandated by law and this is a new one, the ₱10,000 productivity enhancement incentive," he added.

The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) placed at ₱27.92 billion the total amount to be disbursed by the government for half of the 13th month pay, cash gift and holiday bonus.

"Our improved expenditure and deficit management will allow the national government to

₱10,000 A17

Bad hair day: Mad customer kills barber in Iloilo town

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
Inquirer Visayas

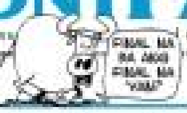
ILOILO CITY—A man who disliked his fresh haircut hacked the barber to death in Calinog town, 48 km from this city, on Wednesday, police said.

Charlie Agustino, 48, died from multiple hack wounds after he was attacked by Bonjie Lozada, 36, inside Rosena's barbershop at the public market. The assailant was believed to be mentally disturbed.

The victim, who had worked as a barber for seven years and was also a pastor of the local Baptist church, died while being treated at Calinog

BAD HAIR A11

Second FRONT PAGE



Pinoy convict's fate is 'final'

By Jerry E. Esplanada

THE SUPREME People's Court of China's decision affirming the drug trafficking conviction and death sentence on a Filipino is "final," according to the Chinese Embassy in Makati City and the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA).

Ethan Sun Yi, deputy chief of the embassy's political section and annex spokesperson, yesterday told the Inquirer that "as far as I know, it is [final]."

DFA spokesperson Raul Hernandez said the same thing. But he said, "Our government is appealing that the death penalty be commuted to life imprisonment for humanitarian reasons."

Hernandez said on Wednesday that the execution of the 35-year-old man, whom he did not identify, had been scheduled for Dec. 8, even as President Aquino appealed to Chinese President Hu Jin Tao to commute the death sentence to life in prison.

The Filipino "should be in Guangxi (a province in southern China) where he was arrested in 2008," according to Sun.

The Philippine national was arrested on Sept. 13, 2008, at the Guilin International Airport upon his arrival from Malaysia. Chinese airport authorities found nearly 1.5 kilos of heroin in his possession.

He was convicted of drug trafficking by the High People's Court of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. The conviction was affirmed by China's highest court sometime in late November.

According to Hernandez, Mr. Aquino's letter to his Chinese counterpart requested the commutation of the convict's sentence to life imprisonment.

It was delivered by Foreign Secretary Albert del Rosario to Chinese Ambassador to the Philippines Liu Jianchao last Wednesday.

Del Rosario said DFA officials had met with the convict's family, who requested that "his name and his origin not be released by the DFA under any circumstances."

"I am afraid we have to respect their request," said the DFA chief in a text message to the Inquirer.

Vice President Jejomar Binay is "still awaiting word" from the Chinese Embassy regarding his planned trip to Beijing, according to Joey Salgado, his media officer.

Binay's office announced on Wednesday that he would be hand-carrying the President's letter to Hu and that the DFA was making arrangements for his trip to the Chinese capital "at the earliest time possible."

Last February, Binay made a similar trip to China where he obtained a postponement of the execution of three convicted drug mules—Ramon Credo, Sally Ordinario-Villanueva and Elizabeth Batain.

However, the death sentences on the three were carried out about a month later.

According to Hernandez, Philippine diplomatic representatives in China had done everything they could and were still striving to have the Filipino's sentence commuted to life imprisonment.

The country's diplomatic posts in the north Asian country provided "all necessary and possible assistance" to the convict during his detention and trial, he noted.

Malacañang on Wednesday said it had "exhausted all legal efforts" to save the convicted Filipino.

Don't be tricked, P-Noy tells would-be drug mules

By Norman Bordadora

PRESIDENT Aquino on Thursday renewed his warning to Filipinos not to allow themselves to be used to smuggle illegal drugs into other countries like China.

Mr. Aquino aired the warning as he confirmed writing a letter to Chinese President Hu Jintao seeking commutation of the death penalty imposed on a Filipino man who was caught trying to bring 1.5 kilos of heroin into China. The letter is to be hand-carried by Vice President Jejomar Binay should the latter's trip to China push through.

The Filipino, whose family in the Philippines asked that he not be identified, is scheduled for execution on Dec. 8.

"We don't stop issuing warnings to those who could be deceived, for instance, into becoming drug mules. In China, they really consider drugs as a very huge problem and the death sentence is quite in existence there," the President told reporters in [illegible].

Mr. Aquino said his administration was taking steps to improve the lives of Filipinos so that no one would find the need to smuggle drugs.

"But drugs is a problem worldwide," he noted.

Why Sandiganbayan justice is slow, according to Drilon

By Philip C. Tubeza







Witness claims Ampatuan lawyer offered him ₱2M

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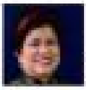


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By TJ Burgonio

No bonuses for PNP scalawags

By DJ Yap

CHRISTMAS may not be as merry for scalawags in uniform.

As policemen cheered the release of their yearend bonus, the Philippine National Police (PNP) said it would withhold the 13th month pay for personnel with pending administrative and criminal cases.

"As a disciplinary policy, the release of the 13th month pay to PNP personnel with pending administrative and criminal cases is deferred," PNP Director General Nicanor A. Bartolome said in a statement.

PNP spokesperson Chief Supt. Agrimero Cruz Jr. said the bonuses would be released "upon clearance" of their cases, per civil service rules.

The PNP has started issuing the checks for the second transfer of the yearend bonus for some 140,000 active police personnel.

Police comptroller Director Rey Lañada said checks had been released by the PNP Finance Service to police regional offices and national support units through the Regional Finance Service Offices nationwide.

No delay but RH bill won't be passed this year–Enrile

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Message from the Chairman of the Board

Warmest Greetings!

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Philippine Board of Surgery, I would like to extend our sincerest and heartfelt congratulations to the new Diplomates.

The certifying examinations may well be as important, if not the most milestone a general surgeon must hurdle in his career. The Diplomate status earns oneself a niche in the practice of surgery and opens a lot of doors for opportunities for further advancement!

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The only true measure of becoming a complete surgeon reigns in each soul. It is only when in our heart of hearts, we can say to ourselves in all candor that we have given the best service to our patients and have put their interest paramount!

Allow me also to extend my congratulations to your loved ones who stood by your side during the gruelling years of training and who share in your triumph! I would specially like to congratulate the parents of the Diplomates who I believe are more jubilant in your success than the Diplomates themselves! It is a different quality of happiness and gladness when parents see their children achieve a crowning glory!

On this occasion, I would also like to thank the examiners and Diplomates who have participated in the conduct of the examinations both written and oral and for their selfless sacrifice on their precious weekends!

More power to our new Diplomates!

I wish you Godspeed!

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'Terror for sale, terrorists for hire'

ZAMBOANGA CITY—Terror groups have turned bombings and bomb-making into a profitable criminal trade, offering to manufacture bombs or set these off to anyone willing to pay the price, a top regional police official said yesterday.

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FORMER President Macapagal-Arroyo's P25,000-a-day presidential suite at St. Luke's Medical Center in Taguig City.



THE PRESIDENTIAL suite at St. Luke's Medical Center in Taguig City includes a jacuzzi.

Erap, Jinggoy tell GMA: Bring mousetraps, huge pail



A POLICEMAN secures the 135-square-meter presidential suite at Veterans Memorial Medical Center in Quezon City. The suite with bulletproof windows features a sala, a bedroom, kitchen and two restrooms.

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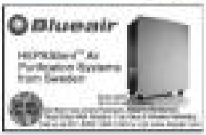





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Novel venues for street carolers

By TJ Burgonio

EXPECT a roundup of carolers in major thoroughfares in Metro Manila, but they won't go home empty-handed during the holidays.

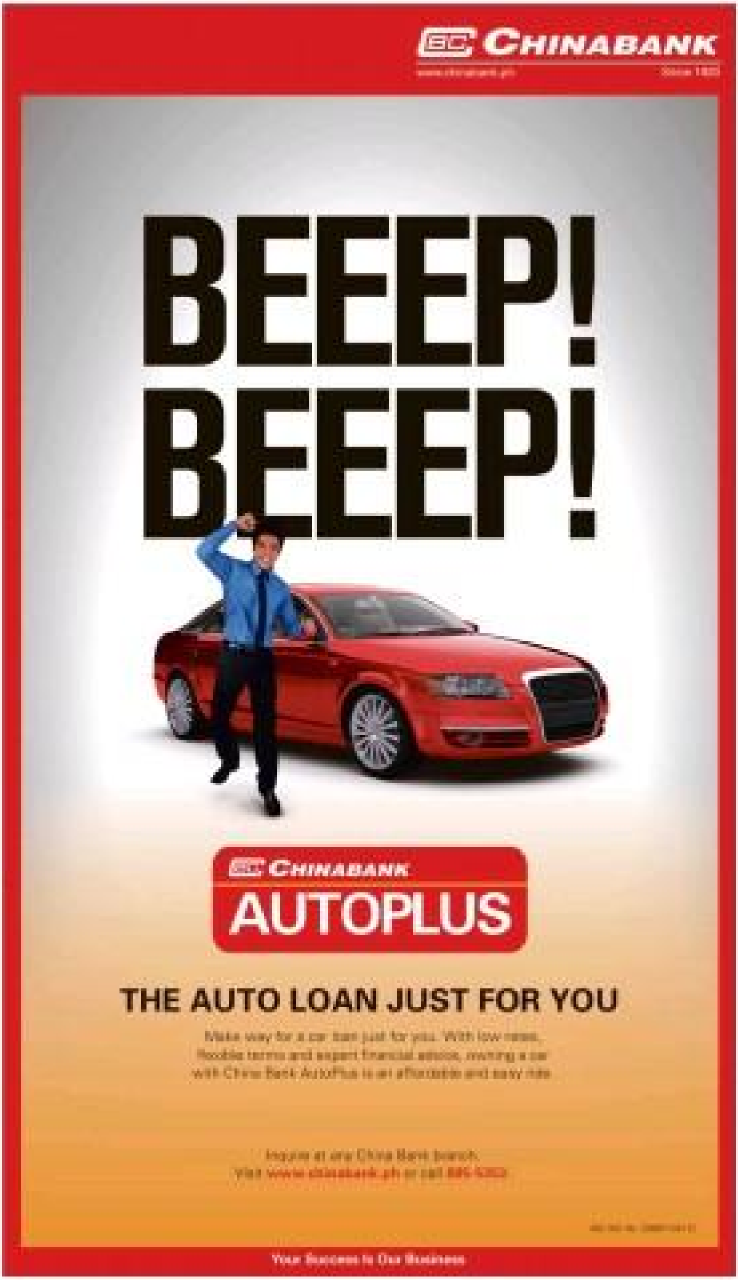
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Wanted drug dealer dead in shoot-out

By Maricar Cinco, Inquirer Southern Luzon and Nina Calleja

A BIG-TIME drug dealer on the wanted list of police and two suspected thieves were killed in separate shoot-out incidents with law enforcers in Taytay, Rizal province on Thursday.

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QC chicken meat shops under close watch

By John M. Aurelio

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Wanted drug dealer killed

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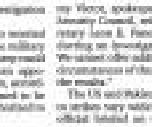


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NGO: Corruption making euro debt crisis worse

Ex-president of Ivory Coast in The Hague on 4 charges



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Occupy camps are cleared, but slogan stands





Beckham, Galaxy wary of Azkals

'We want to win even if it's a friendly'

By Jasmine W. Payo

FEW expect the Philippine Azkals to stun world football icon David Beckham and the Los Angeles Galaxy in an exhibition match tomorrow night at the Rizal Memorial Football Stadium.

Diplomatic football

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Beckham wants to play for country in Olympics

By Jasmine W. Payo



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Petron Blaze tangles with Brgy. Ginebra



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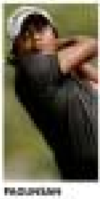


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Last 2 rounds of 'Bakbakan' at PCC

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Remittances seen to reach $23B in 2011

World Bank forecast exceeds that of PH

THE WORLD Bank expects remittances to the Philippines to reach $23 billion this year on account of rising demand for Filipino workers despite

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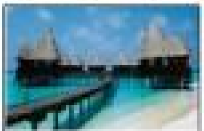
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Company spending up to $70M in next 2 years for 7 hotels



Globe recognized for outstanding communication programs, bags Excellence awards



WWF-Phl lauds partners, ArthaLand's environmental leadership

"As a company, it is our policy to be proactive in keeping our environment healthy," says ArthaLand president and CEO Angie de Villa-Lacson. "We believe that if the environment is well and healthy, the community will surely benefit. A vibrant environment supports healthy lifestyle and promotes total well-being," she adds.

The World Wide Fund for Nature – Philippines recently recognized ArthaLand as one of its staunchest supporters in its drive to boost awareness and involvement in conserving our natural resources.

As a sustainability partner and a green developer, ArthaLand was conferred the 2011 Environmental Leadership Award.

In a ceremony held recently at the Manila Polo Club, Angie de Villa-Lacson, ArthaLand's president and CEO received a plaque of recognition from WWF-Philippines chairman Vince Perez and president and CEO, Lory Tan. This is for the company's support to the sustainability efforts of the global environmental advocacy group.

The recognition was given to ArthaLand during the Black and White Gala event to celebrate WWF-Philippines' 15th year and the WWF global network's 50th anniversary. The two groups' partnership focuses on the 60+ program, a more comprehensive evolution of the globally successful Earth Hour, promoting further ways to help save the environment by conscientious resource conservation – 365 days a year.

ArthaLand is a world class boutique developer of Arya Residences in Fort Bonifacio. Arya Residences is the Philippines' first and only high rise residential development that is registered under the US Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program with a certification goal of Gold.

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"Our partnership in WWF is just one way to show our commitment to keep our environment green and sustainable for generations to come. So much like our dedication to building projects that are future-proof," Angie declares.

Satisfying the global standard in green buildings, ArthaLand's flagship development, Arya Residences, employs built-in mechanisms to enable its residents to save energy and resources, maintain healthy lifestyle, and lessen carbon footprint.

For example, with the use of double piping system to deliver grey water for flushing and irrigation, the use of captured rain to water the plants, and the use of low-flow, aerated bathroom fixtures allows the residents to save as much as 40% in potable water.

As much as 35% of air-conditioning related electricity cost may be saved with the units' Low-E double glazed glass window system which acts as double sun protection system. The units' layout and efficient use of natural light and ventilation will allow as much as 14% savings in the total energy cost.

"We make sure that every detail of our project contributes to our drive to be sustainable. By design, Arya Residences will allow its residents not just to live a luxurious and gracious lifestyle, but also let them enjoy a cost efficient and environmentally conscious way of living," concludes Angie.

To know more about Arya Residences, Model Units are available for viewing at the ArthaLand Sales Pavilion, McKinley Parkway cor. 7th Ave, BGC. To get there from EDSA/Ayala Ave, take McKinley Road towards BGC. From Gil Puyat Makati, take the Kalayaan flyover to the 32nd St., BGC then turn right at 7th Ave. towards McKinley Parkway. Call 836-ALCO (2526) or visit www.aryaresidences.com.ph.

Business

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Rate of rise in prices seen to weaken steadily

Fitch upgrades Globe rating, affirms PLDT credit

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BUSINESS Friday

BPO GOWTH NOT IN CALL CENTERS

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Marketing Rx

By Ned Roberto & Andy Roberto

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Cordillera SMEs yield ₱67M in sales, DTI says

Rate of rise …

Fitch upgrades …



Corporate Partners Tee Off at Meralco Power Club Golfest



Augusto Palisoc (center) receiving Lowest Net Overall Champion honors. Presenting the award are Valerie Concepcion (left) and Meralco Senior Vice President and Head of Customer Retail Services and Corporate Communications Alfredo S. Panlilio.



Grand Prize Winner Jesus Montemayor (Kemerlof Ramsar Incorporated) walks away with a brand new 2011 Toyota Vios. L-R: Meralco Vice President and Marketing & Customer Solutions Head Jose Antonio T. Valdez, Meralco Assistant Vice President and Private Sector Relationship Management Head Cecille M. Domingo, Celebrity Host Valerie Concepcion, Meralco Senior Vice President and Head of Customer Retail Services and Corporate Communications Alfredo S. Panlilio, Meralco Public Sector Head Geralyn A. Sollatan, Celebrity and Golf Circuit Host Meraggo Cobarrubias.

"We are pleased that our corporate-partners have accepted our invitation to the 2nd Meralco Power Club Invitational Golf Tournament. Meralco is keen to develop even stronger alliances by providing efficient, adequate, reliable and customer-focused solutions. Through this initiative we wish to create an opportunity to better understand the specific, unique needs of our industry leading clients as we strive to sustain a viable partnership towards nation building."

Meralco top executives together with key corporate clients displayed their finest golfing form as they teed off for the 2nd Meralco Power Club Invitational Golf Tournament at the Alabang Country Club on 18 November 2011. Riding on the success of last year's Power Club tournament held at the Wack Wack Golf and Country Club, Meralco organized the golf invitational to further enhance Meralco's partnership with its top accounts.

Spearheading Meralco's campaign on the fairways were Alfredo S. Panlilio, Senior Vice President, Customer Retail Services and Corporate Communications who led the morning tee-off ceremonies; and Victor S. Genuino, Vice President and Corporate Business Group Head. Also in full force were relationship managers who pitted their golfing skills against the C-level and senior ranking executives of Meralco's corporate clientele from the industries of manufacturing, electronics, automotive, semi-conductor, real estate and banking just to cite a few.

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"The tourney is an informal forum for our customers to interact with their peers and in the process create synergies where possible," added Meralco's Jose Antonio T. Valdez, Vice President, Marketing and Customer Solutions.

Following the friendly game of golf, Power Club golfers were treated to an afternoon serenade by the acoustic jazz guitar duo, First Circle at the Club premises. The day progressed to a sumptuous dinner buffet complemented by entertainment courtesy of well-know golf circuit host, Meraggo Cobarrubias and celebrity host, Valerie Concepcion. At this juncture, the top golfers in their respective divisions of Class A, B and C, Lowest Gross Champion, Lowest Net Overall Champion were announced and awarded their trophies. Minor prizes such as LCD TVs, iPads, personal refrigerators and vintage Remy Martin champagne cognac were also raffled off at this juncture. The 2nd Meralco Power Club Invitational Golf Tournament capped the day with Mr. Augusto Palisoc from Metro Pacific Hospital Group receiving Lowest Net Overall Champion honors and Mr. Jesus Montemayor of Ramsar Incorporated walking away with the grand prize of a 2011 Toyota Vios.



Ceremonial Tee-Off participants: Meralco Vice President and Corporate Business Group Head, Victor S. Genuino together with Ronny Sanchez from IMI, ROC Flat Glass Chairman Renato Ermita, First Gen President & COO Giles Puno, Meralco Senior Vice President and Head of Customer Retail Services Alfredo S. Panlilio.

"This is our way of personally reaching out to our customers and expressing our gratitude. Meralco is committed to supporting the growth engines of our country through its service offerings such as Power Quality, Energy Efficiency and technical consultancy services for expansion plans. Consider our relationship managers as your advisers in optimizing your operations," expressed Victor S. Genuino, Vice President and Corporate Business Group Head.

Smart Infinity, Cignal Digital, Rémy Martin, Meralco subsidiaries Republic Surety and Meralco Industrial Engineering Services Corporation (MIESCOR) were the official sponsors of the 2011 Meralco Power Club Invitational Golf Tournament.



Acoustic band, First Circle Duo, serenades the crowd during the afternoon session.

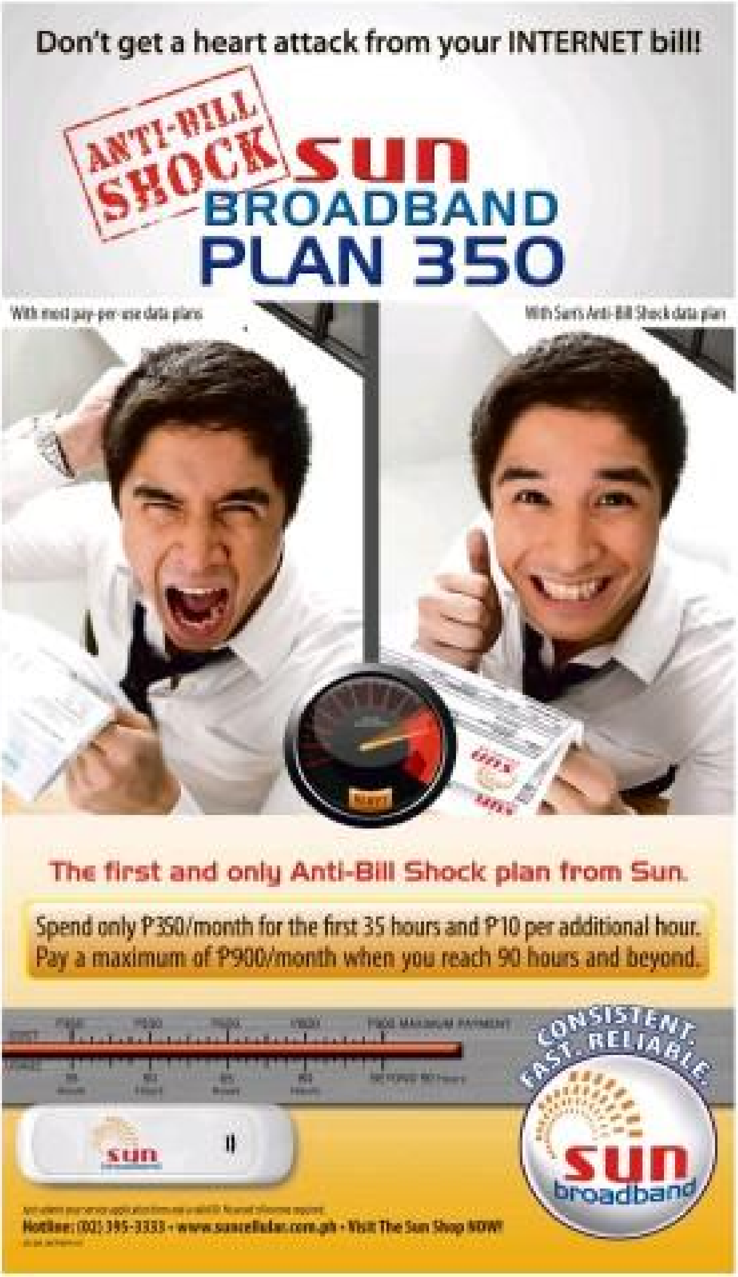


BUSINESS

PSALM sues Lehman unit for $3.5M in claims

Gov't did not lose money from hedge deal, Ledesma says

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COMMENTARY

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CORPORATE CITIZEN

Strong nickel demand buoys Oriental Peninsula profit

Stocks soar on joint central bank action

Remittances seen ...

BSP sees no need to reset ...

Market rebounds

Eton launches residential dev't project in QC

By Doris C. Dumlao

JFC completes coffee shop chain sale to Euro-Med unit

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Meralco romps off with 13 Quill awards

Affirmation of communication excellence from IABC Philippines









BUSINESS

₱2.4B in investments eyed from 30 coal contracts

By Amy R. Remo

THE DEPARTMENT of Energy expects to rake in at least P2.4 billion in initial investments from the 30 coal operating contracts it is offering to investors under the Philippine Energy Contracting Round (PECR) 4.

Energy Undersecretary Jose M. Layug Jr. said the investments were expected to be made within the five-year exploration period to be accorded to companies that would bag coal operating contracts through the bidding.

On the sidelines of the PECR 4 Coal launching yesterday, Layug said the estimated investments were computed based on the assumption that each company would spend an average of P80 million per coal block.

He said the government was bullish that investors would bid for all the 30 coal blocks as these were all "nominated areas," meaning the companies themselves had asked that they be placed on auction block.

The 30 coal blocks offered under PECR 4 are located in Quezon, Camarines Norte, Albay, Sorsogon, Masbate, Occidental Mindoro, Oriental Mindoro, Negros Occidental, Cebu, Bohol, Agusan del Norte, Misamis Oriental, Agusan del Sur, Surigao del Sur, Compostela Valley, Davao Oriental, Lanao del Sur, Lanao del Norte, South Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, Sarangani, Zamboanga del Norte, and Zamboanga Sibugay.

Interested investors have until 11 a.m. of March 1, 2012 to submit their bids for the coal blocks.

"The government continually encourages the private sector to participate in its energy independence program that aims to reduce overdependence on imported fuels," said Energy Secretary Jose Rene D. Almendras.

"Through intensive exploration, the DOE hopes to find additional reserves to supply the local demand for coal. Coal is primarily used in power generation," he added.

With the goal of reducing the country's coal importation, the development of indigenous coal remains a priority of the energy sector. Last year, coal production stood at 7.3 million metric tons.

Indigenous coal mainly comes from the operations of Semirara Mining Corp. in Antique and the output from its open-cast operations.

The balance was provided by small-scale and medium-scale underground mining operations in the coal-rich provinces of Surigao, Zamboanga Sibugay, Cebu, Negros and Albay.

Under the PECR scheme, investors are assured of a transparent and economically rewarding contracting round with the availability of an updated database on the country's prospective coal areas, as well as the expanding internal energy market and attractive fiscal terms.

ROUNDUP

PCCI election

THE PHILIPPINE Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) is holding its board election today at its headquarters in McKinley Hill, Bonifacio Global City.

In a circular to members, PCCI comelec chair Antonio Nasol said casting of votes would start at 9 a.m. and end at 5 p.m.

There are 18 candidates vying for 14 positions in the national board.

PH-Russia Business Council

THE CHAMBER of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation has formally approved the formation of the Russian-Philippine Business Council (RPBC), opening more trade and economic opportunities for Filipino entrepreneurs early this month.

Following its formation, RPBC signed a memorandum of agreement for increased cooperation with its Philippine counterpart, the Philippine-Russian Business Assembly (PRBA).

Honorary Consul of the Russian Federation to the Philippines Amor Lopez Garcia said "The historic MOA signing of cooperation between the RPBC and the PRBA is a proof of the commitment of both countries to strengthen economic and cultural ties between Russia and the Philippines."

For the Philippines, she said, the development should translate to more tourists and more investments from Russia. It also opens up the Russian market to Philippine exports.

RPBC is the 58th business council created under the Chamber of Commerce of the Russian Federation.

Pag-IBIG members' desks

MORE than one million Filipinos will benefit from the opening of the Pag-IBIG members' desks in Robinsons Malls, as part of the latter's nationwide Lingkod Pinoy Center. Concerns of Pag-IBIG members such as membership registration, loan verification and receipt of loan applications will now be accessible with Pag-IBIG members' desks opening in Robinsons Galleria, Robinsons Place Manila and Robinsons Metro East before the year ends. More outlets are also expected to open by next year.

Business

DOTC prepares awaited upgrades for LRT line 1

DOE vows to complete Batangas-Manila pipeline

Renovation of commuter system to cost P1.06B

Liquigaz joins DOE in transport fuel study



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Epson launches new line of projectors

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Early cancer detection: soon in the Philippines

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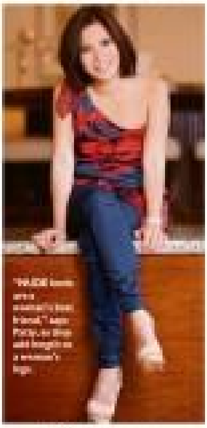


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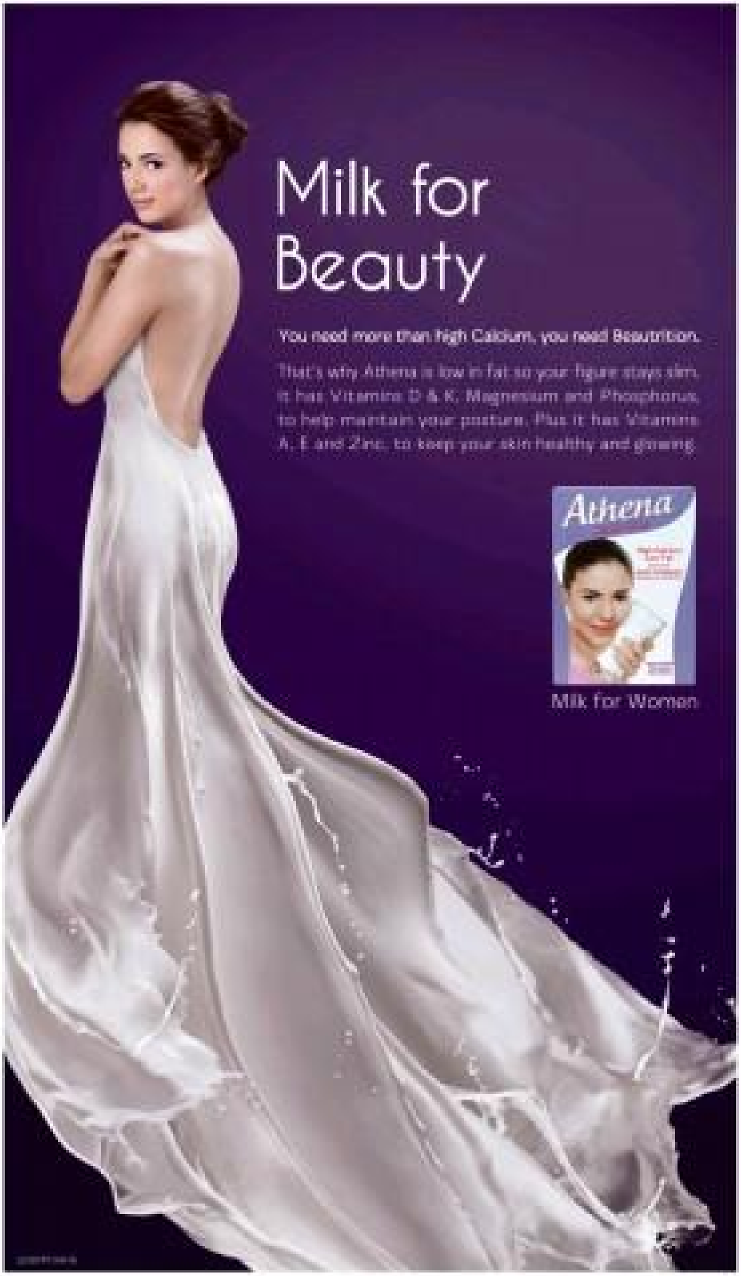
'Good shoes make a good impression. Wearing a watch means time is sacred'



This insurance executive/numbers whiz's secrets for staying sane when under stress: optimism, colorful dresses and a good haircut

THE WORKING CLASS







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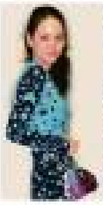
WORKING on the interior lining of the bags



Why Tod's is still made by human hands, and close to home

A visit to the renowned leathergoods brand's factory and headquarters in Milan reveals the precision and quality control behind each piece

Ingrid Chua-Go



THE BAG HAG DIARIES





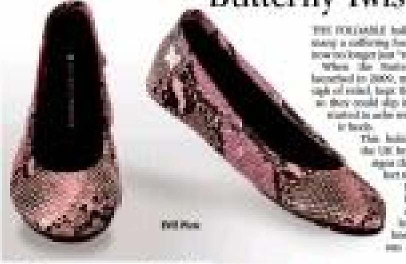


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Butterfly Twists: No longer just a second shoe

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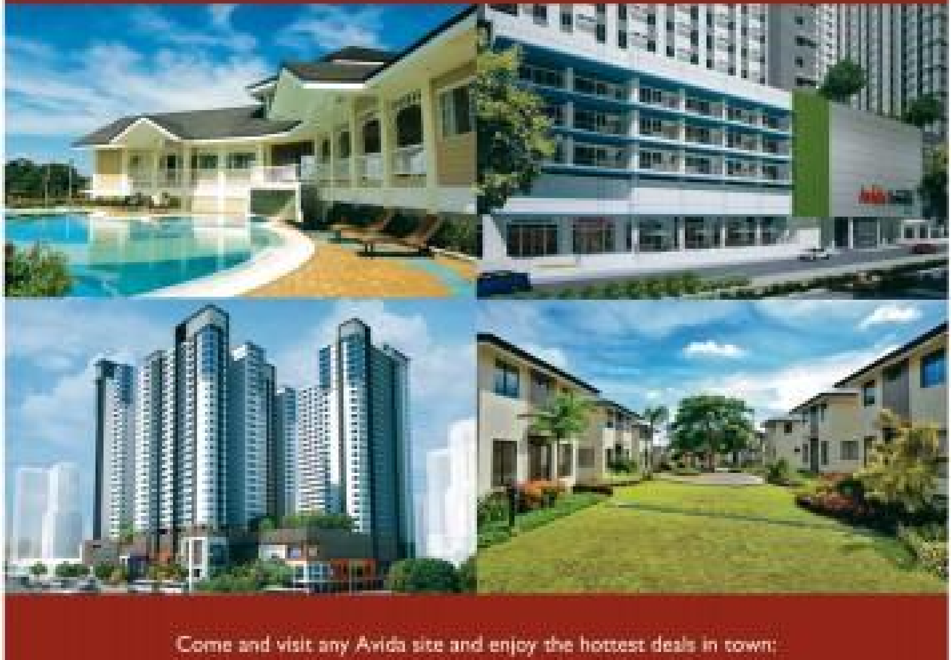






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The business of *change*

Student leaders will represent the country at Hitachi's 11th Young Leaders Initiative to use their business knowledge for a better Philippines–and be catalysts for change

By [illegible]

EVERYONE WANTS a better Philippines. We see everyday Filipinos try to excel in their respective fields, just so they can lift the country from the bottom rung. The recent victories of Manny Pacquiao and Miss World first runner-up Gwendolyn Ruais, for instance, have spelled hope, big time.

There are more [illegible] hope-givers, like these four young student leaders who will represent the country at the 11th Hitachi Young Leaders Initiative (HYLI) on Dec 9-12, 2012.

They are [illegible] Garcia, [illegible] University of San Carlos; Mark Andrew [illegible], [illegible] Management Engineering, Ateneo de Manila University; Kurt Gerard See, PhB Economics; and Camille Angela Marie Almario Aquino, Economics, both from De La Salle University.

They were chosen for their leadership abilities, keen interest in global and local affairs, and fluency in English. These young leaders will use their knowledge in business and economics to help initiate change in the Philippines. Other young delegates are from Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and Japan.



CAMILLE Aquino

As part of HYLI's initiative to identify and groom potential Asian leaders, these students will fly to Hanoi and learn from prominent Asian policymakers, professionals and [illegible]. They will discuss key issues and trends affecting Asia. This, in turn, will broaden their understanding on their own countries' situation.



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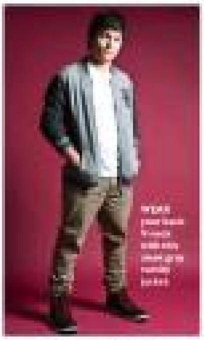






A different kind of British street

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FRESH: Face cheek color in apricot peach

By Cherlo V. Moral

WHAT MAKEUP brand has been around for 25 years, was discovered by Hollywood only last year, and now has the head makeup artists of "Glee" and "Mad Men"—and even some actors—raving about it?

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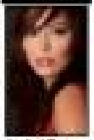
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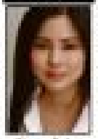


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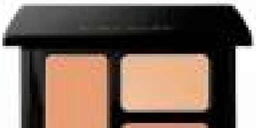
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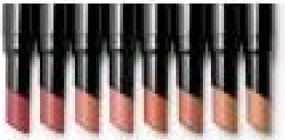
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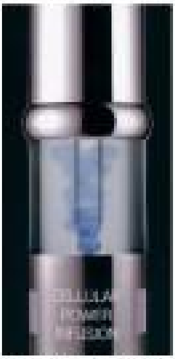
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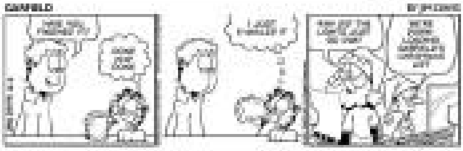


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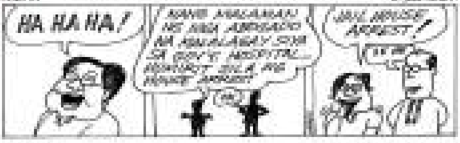
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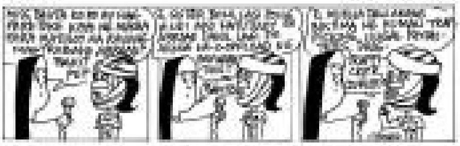


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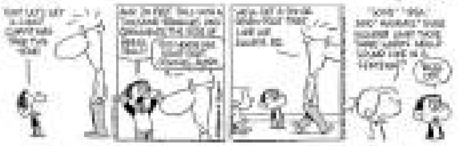


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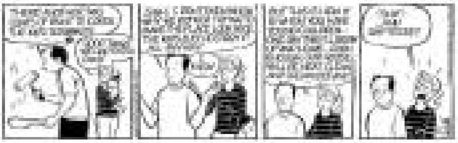




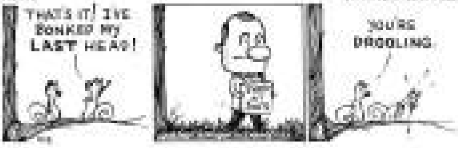
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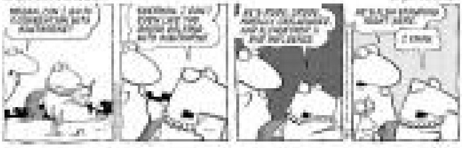






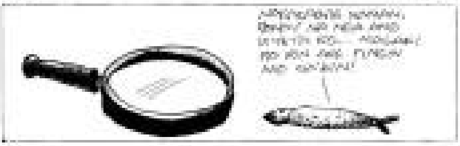
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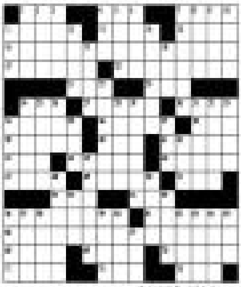
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Dream weaver

Fashion design instructor from Philippine Women's College Davao wins second place in Tokyo competition







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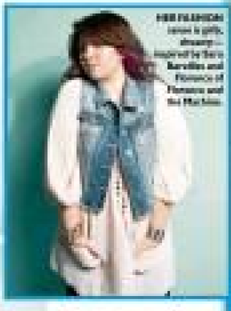


'I just recorded it in my bathroom!'

'This City' singer Kai Honasan talks about her song, being panta-less, and hearing herself on the radio in her first interview











First-timer

Light music

Forever 21 fever hits Cebu

FOREVER 21 fever hits the Queen City with the opening of a new Forever 21 store at the Northwing of SM City Cebu.

As early as 7:30 am, Cebu's young and fashionable set trooped to the mall to get a first look at Forever 21's first store in the Visayas area. It was not long before a long line snaked through the Northwing atrium. Clothes flew off the rack, accessories were a hit and Forever 21 yellow bags were the accessory of the day, just like they were during earlier store openings in Manila.

A pre-opening party, attended by Cebu's fun and fashionable set, was held a day before the public opening to celebrate the opening of Forever 21 in Cebu. The event was highlighted by a ribbon-cutting ceremony with SM Prime Holdings president Hans T. Sy and Forever 21 executive vice president Larry Meyer sharing the honors after a fab-perfect fashion show showcasing Forever 21's latest collections.

The Northwing store features a two-level selling area with an awesome store window stretch, wonderful eclectic décor and bright, elegant interiors packed with new and exciting merchandise from Forever 21 and its fun and fab lines—Love 21, Heritage 1981, Forever 21 Girls, Forever 21+ and 21 Men. The store also has a wide collection of shoes, accessories and footwear.

Fashionistas will have more shopping fun with Forever 21 Gift Cards in P1,000 and P2,000 denominations they can purchase for themselves or as gifts for their fashionista friends.

Forever 21 also teams up with BDO with the Forever 21 MasterCard. Fashionable Cebuanos can now avail of exclusive privileges when they shop using their Forever 21 MasterCard. Apply for the card by visiting the Forever 21 store, as well as BDO branches within Cebu. The application form can also be downloaded at www.bdo.com.ph or call BDO Customer Contact Center at 631-8000 or 1-800-10-631-8000 (domestic toll free) for more information.

The new Forever 21 store is at the North wing of SM City Cebu. In Metro Manila, Forever 21 is at the second level of SM Megamall A and at the ground floor of SM Makati.



SM's Maynard Mendoza, Ricky A. Lim and Pascale Jimenez



SM's Marissa Fenton with Cebu's fashionable set — Tenten Mendezona, Margot Osmeña, Elvira Lopez, Nanie Uy and Bea Villegas



ALIDA Ugarte, Adrianne Ugarte, Yu M. Uychiaco and Jasmin Arcadi



SM PRIME Holdings president Hans T. Sy and Forever 21 executive vice president Larry Meyer at the ribbon-cutting ceremony of Forever 21 SM City Cebu



FOREVER 21 store at the Northwing of SM City Cebu features a two-level area packed with the latest and most fashionable merchandise.

FOREVER 21 is all about an eclectic mix of on-trend fashion that is always unbelievable.

TISSI Luspuro at left, Artist's Kay Lopez and Cyndi Gepale

'I just recorded...'

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her music—the ukulele, which she taught herself to play the past year. The ukulele's soft and humorous sound creates the perfect background and inspires lighthearted song subjects.

Kai also gets most creative when she's driving around in her car, which she confesses to try to do a lot, looking for longer routes to her destination just for more artistic time.

Sweet style

Her sense of style is also starting to become more like her music style, as she learns to experiment with color, especially for her gigs. "I always used to be in dark colors but when I started gigging and doing music, I found that there's a disjoint between what I'm wearing and what I sing. Even when my brother Bapi, who plays jazz and soul with me, he'll be in orange, which I find so funny."

Kai's aforementioned inspiration, Sara Bareilles, also influences her fashion, because she is Kai's "hero of all time." She checks out Bareilles' videos before going to a gig. She likes that Bareilles' style is girly, but not excessively so. Kai also likes Florence of Florence and the Machine's dreamy, ethereal look.

Kai wears lots of skirts to her gigs, "and it used to be just what I'd wear to school, but it's not stage wear at all!" She also recently started wearing thigh-high boots and loves swiping on a good red lipstick because it makes her feel powerful.

Off the stage, Kai still prefers shorts and leggings over jeans, (including the "Pantsless Sundays Global Movement" which appears on her Twitter bio, just because it can often be too hot in the Philippines to wear a pair of pants. "I like floaty, comfortable things I can move in. I like feeling girly and flirty and being able to do this!" She then swoops the skirt of her maxi dress and shows the chambray denim jacket.

Next up

Next year, Kai plans to release an EP of five songs to sell during gigs. She hopes to make it independently from a label as a family project, with no less than music veterans Raoul Hassman, her father, on bass, sister-in-law Barbie Almalbis on guitar, and family friends on keyboards and drums, and she's targeting March or April next year for release date.

"Blue City" is currently available on facebook.com/kaihonasan for free download.

Kai will also continue to teach music to preschool children, who she reveals are her first critics every time she's come up with a new song. "I'd just write a different set of lyrics, and if it caught their attention, I'll go on with writing the song."

Let's hope for more preschool classes, long drives and bathroom inspirations for more of Kai Honasan's refreshing, funny and easy music on the airwaves.

LIFESTYLE *Fashion & Beauty*



Slim's alumni from five decades prove their mettle

From Gaupo and Salazar to Vijandre, Cinco, Samson and young trendsetters, the institution shows what sets it apart

SLIM'S FASHION and Arts School, celebrating the close of its 50th anniversary last October 29 with its "Slim's At 50" fashion show that featured 10 alumni designers from each of the institution's five decades, made a grand statement not just about the school, but also about Philippine fashion.

Bulgari wins awards for its iconic watches

AT THE END OF 2011, Bulgari watch creations achieved three distinctions in Switzerland and in China. This year, Bulgari is once again awarded for its consistency with the brand's core values: creativity, innovation and a strong, recognizable style.



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Slim's alumni from five decades prove their mettle

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Slim's alumni...

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school's founder, and with an emotion illustrating her support for Salazar. A rare treat for young fashion audiences, his gowns graced the runway one by one, a fitting finale of refinement and polish.

"Slim's At 50" was a show that fulfilled on many levels. Each designer made a unique impression, and collectively, a stirred testament to the power of originality. Their heartfelt participation revealed their regard for the school that they (and many notable others) had come from, underlining Slim's Salazar and Aitz Ibabao's notable contribution to the industry with graduates who have helped shape the country's fashion scene, decade after decade.

Extra Blades, Extra Power

In today's society, more is always better. Introducing, Union's latest innovation the 5-Blade, WINDplus fan— more blades for a more superior wind performance all year round.

Stylishly crafted, the 5-blade WINDplus' turbo-powered motor and aerodynamically engineered blades exude power both inside and out. This fan can push out more air molecules in every revolution as compared to your typical 3-blade household fan.

And like the original Union WINDplus, its unique blades are made of top-quality materials to ensure that you get the best breeze possible for your money. This simple yet state-of-the-art fan can easily cool down large areas like spacious living rooms, kitchens or bedrooms without any problem. However, unlike its predecessor, it is equipped with two extra blades for a better cooling efficiency.

The 5-Blades WINDPlus also comes in both stand and desk that easily compliment any living arrangement.

Like all Union fans, the 5-blade WINDPlus product comes with a standard three-year motor warranty so you can keep that cool breeze inside your homes all year round.

Union Home Appliances has a complete line of products to suit your home needs. Go to www.union.ph or visit your favorite home appliance outlet to learn more.

Bulgari wins awards for its iconic watches

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Time Square, which awarded last year the Bulgari Octo Bi-retro, has given this year the Endurer Chronosprint All Blacks watch the prize for the best design. Created in partnership with the legendary New Zealand world champion rugby team, this special edition, powerful and strong watch features an exclusive high-end movement and a very sophisticated finishing.

These two prizes underline once more the wealth of substance of Bulgari's watch-making approach, consisting in a perfect balance between cutting-edge technical equipment and a distinctive aesthetics, which allows making a choice never resorting to a compromise.

Bulgari is at Greenbelt 4, Makati City and Resorts World Manila. Bulgari watches are also available at Rustan's Silver Vault.



ENDURER Chronosprint All Blacks



CANADIAN HAIR CARE BRAND LAUNCHED

Hairstylists Christine Lopez and Roman Solidum, brand ambassadors of Cynos hair care products, are pictured with general manager and marketing manager at the launch. Cynos is a Canadian company known for its innovations in effective concentrated formulas, sold at affordable prices. The hair colors are gentle on the scalp, yet last long, while its shampoos replenish their vibrancy. Another star product is the Vitamin E-rich Moroccan Argan Oil, which has miraculous effects on the skin and scalp.

Who is Vince Camuto?

The Nine West cofounder's namesake label of 'sophisticated but still accessible' fashion opens first PH store



ELAINE animal-print pump



HINDY tote



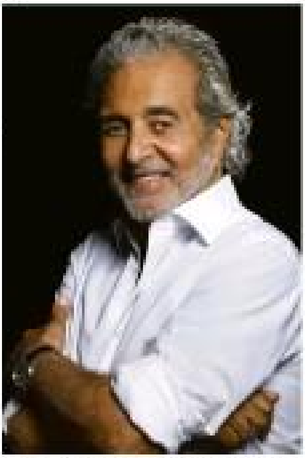
HINDY crossbody bag



CLIFF in gunmetal

Unique mixture

Personal appearances







ERNEST flat





Classic meets contemporary in Emporio Armani

STORES SPECIALISTS Inc. has opened Emporio Armani's first Manila boutique at Greenbelt 4, Ayala Center, Makati.

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The store showcases the latest Emporio Armani Fall/Winter 2011 Collection, which features a stylish mixture of classic and contemporary looks.



SUBTLE colors define the look of the season





THREE-PIECE suit, floral dress



JUMPSUIT dress with ruffle details



SLEEK sweater with details, loose pants and leather bag

SM RECEIVES RETAIL ASIA'S HALL OF FAME AWARD

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TOY KINGDOM'S GREAT HOLIDAY TOY SALE AT SMX



Lion Slide and Giraffe Swing Play Set. (Now P6,899.75 from P9,999.75)



Go Kart. (Now P3,199.75 from P5,199.75)



Power Rangers Megazord.

It's a joy to play Santa to kids each Christmas. And with the holidays approaching, one will have fun choosing their little one's dream presents at the Toy Kingdom Great Holiday Sale on December 2, 3 and 4 at the SMX Convention Center.

Shoppers will love the amazing Christmas deals where they'll find up to 50% off on selected and well-loved toy brands, as well as merchandise featuring favorite characters such as Disney, Ben 10 and Transformers.

Toy Kingdom's Great Holiday Toy Sale will be open to Toy Kingdom Amazing Card and Metrobank Card holders on December 2 and to the public on December 3 and 4.

Find more gift ideas at Toy Kingdom stores, Toy Kingdom Express at all SM Department Stores and visit our website at www.toykingdom.ph.





16" Disney plush toys. (Now P299.75 each from P699.75)



Barbie Doll. (Buy 1, Take 1 at P999.75 each)



Woody and Buzz Lightyear Body Pillows. (Now P399.00 from P799.00)



Angry Birds Sleeping Bag. (Now P699.75 from P1,399.75)

LIFESTYLE Fashion&Beauty



H. Stern jewelry: The unusual is chic

By Carmencita S. Simon

ONLY FOR the holidays, Adora offers handpicked pieces—inspired by nature and seen by impressionist Monet.

H. Stern continues to find inspiration in nature and other unique influences, which [illegible]

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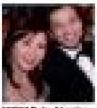




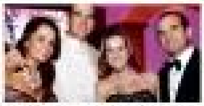
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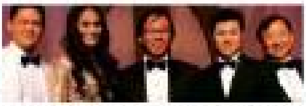
FERNANDO and Bit Zobel, Pepe Fernandez, Anton San Diego



VICKI Belo, Hayden Kho



BEA ZOBEL, Fernando Marcos, Sofia and Paulo Miranda



TATLER editor in chief Anton San Diego, Isabelle Daza, Kim Atienza, Singapore Airlines GM Andrew Bodicoat, Alex Lichaytoo



ARNE Zurita, Solenn Heussaff, Tessa Prieto-Valdes, Heart Evangelista

How can any charity ball beat this one?

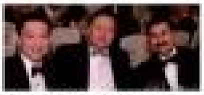
Vicki Belo won the Parisian experience package while boyfriend Hayden Kho won the Jaeger-LeCoultre limited-edition No. 10 Memovox Deep Sea watch, one of only 359 pieces in the world



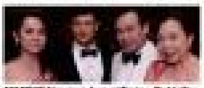
(BACK row) Andrew Cojuangco, Marco Katigbak, Juan Pablo, (front row) Bea Katigbak, Marie Katigbak, Anya Cojuangco



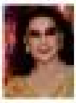
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DEXTER GO, Ivan Tan, Ramesh Daryani



MARVIC Vazquez, Jamari Benitez, Teddy Boy and Louie Locsin





VICKI Zubiri, Mena Lecaroz



SPANISH Ambassador Jorge Domecq and wife Rosa



CRIS Albert, Ana Alcat Santos

COSMOPOLITAN Manila's al-ite [illegible] always come out in their full regalia during the Tatler Ball, dahlings, and it was no exception when Philippine Tatler celebrated its 10th anniversary.

The magazine hosted the fabulous bag [illegible], which held the last word in [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible], which was [illegible] chosen by Irene Martel Francisco, to the flowers and the dazzling [illegible] [illegible] who turned up in elegant black tie and gorgeous ball gowns, dahlings.

The ball gathered a stellar group of personalities for the annual Philippine Tatler Awards.

The Tatler Ball was held to raise funds for a worthy cause. As of press time, the ball had generated over P7 million for this year's beneficiary, the Habitat for Humanity Philippines.

Now that's what charity balls are all about, is it not, yes?

The dashing Darren Goodridge, CEO of the Asia Tatler Group, jetted in from Hong Kong with his adorable wife, Kiks, to join the anniversary ball and give a few remarks.

In her own speech, Martel Francisco, Philippine Tatler managing director, said the 10th anniversary is a "milestone" and that Tatler has grown from "an optimistic beginner in the publishing industry to the leading chronicle of luxury lifestyle in the country."

Preparing a ball this big is not an easy task, and thank you very much. The [illegible] and major partners of Philippine Tatler in the ball were there in full force, starting with Century Properties, represented by Ambassador Jose Antonio and his wife



Photo by Alex Van Hagen powered by [illegible]



"T" and "10" represent Philippine Tatler's 10th anniversary.

Hilda Reyes; Mercedes Benz with its president Felix Ang; Smart Infinity with its marketing manager Mega Cabantac; and Visa headed by Jain Jamieson.

Fernando Zobel, chair of the Capital Campaign of Habitat Philippines, stressed the importance of "providing a decent home for our countrymen."

He called onstage the Habitat Youth Council, as represented by Isabel Martel Francisco, Kevin Yang, Simon Tantoco and Pedro Roxas Jr., all of whom have been very active in fundraising and "youth build" social housing construction by the young.

The dinner was a spectacular celebration of the flavors of Spain, dahlings, with scrumptious dishes like the [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible], and the slow-roasted [illegible]. They were paired with excellent wines from the [illegible] [illegible] 2008 and [illegible] 2008.

Dessert was incredibly [illegible], but who cared? It was devoured with chilled [illegible] & Chandon [illegible].

Marriott Francisco, Makati Shangri-La's [illegible] [illegible] and the hotel's food-and-beverage team had five food tastings to ensure the absolute best, and the effort truly paid off.

Charity auction masters were Tatler editor in chief Anton San Diego, TV's Karen Davila and Tim Yap, gorgeous Isabelle Daza and, as always, [illegible] host [illegible] and "instant opera" Pepe Fernandez and the [illegible] Tessa Prieto-Valdes.

Marie Rosh Schmid won the [illegible] signed boxing gloves of Rep. Manny Pacquiao.

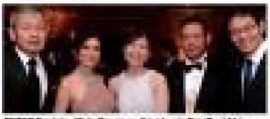
Vicki Belo won the Parisian experience package, with a three-night stay in the Shangri-La Hotel, Paris, a private tour of the [illegible] Museum, and [illegible] [illegible] Paris.

Myla Villanueva bagged the Tuscan adventure kit, with a two-night stay in the [illegible] region in Italy in the [illegible] and dining at [illegible] Michelin restaurant, [illegible]. With this package is a pair of round-trip business class tickets to Rome, courtesy of Singapore Airlines and Philippine Tatler.

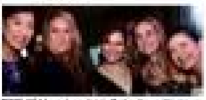
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The last item was the ultra-luxe Jaeger-LeCoultre limited-edition No. 10 Memovox Deep Sea watch (one out of only 359 pieces), which went to [illegible] Hayden Kho.

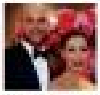
The most anticipated part of the evening featured the 10th Philippine Tatler Ball awards given to seven inspiring individuals.



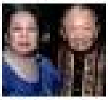
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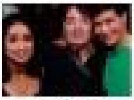
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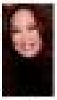
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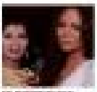
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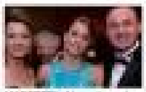
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KAREN Davila



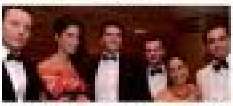
PJ RODRIGUEZ, Tina Guevara



MARGRETTA, Alexandra and Bea Hunter



SEAN Fitzpatrick



FABIO Bruero, Alex Bruero, Antonio Bruero, Jonathan Ocampo, Stephanie Zubiri, Fabio Lumaccio



MARIA Celina Valdez

also Icon of Industry Washington Sycip; Most Distinguished Couple Francisco and Lina Reyes; Most Stylish Woman Mindy Walker Torres; Most Creative Force Kenneth Cobonpue; Most Charitable Force Susana Abad Santos Madrigal; and Person of Ascendance Jesus Nakpil. Each winner received a Nokia N9 from Smart Infinity.

Then, gorgeous and talented Solenn Heussaff performed her numbers. All the perfect [illegible] arrangements were done by Gita Ferrer Ayala, providing another [illegible] ball. Flowers came in shades of purple, red, orange and fuchsia, by Mia Tabaranan Ocampo of Bloomingdeals.

The dancing to music by [illegible] and DJ Mont Miranda had the glitzy set rock and rolling the dance floor till 3 a.m., dahlings, and, to have a [illegible], they sipped the endless flow of Belvedere, Ketel One [illegible] and Grand Marnier cosmopolitans.

Okay, now how can any ball beat this one? Because Tatler is Tatler and that [illegible] it all, n'est-ce pas, dahlings.



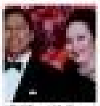
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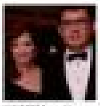
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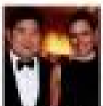
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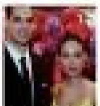
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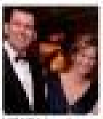
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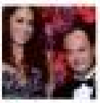
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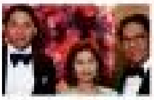
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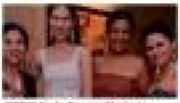
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PATRICIA Pardo, Pepper Teehankee



CENTURY Properties' Robbie, Hilda and Ambassador Jose Antonio



MISSY Ayala, Marcelo Madrid, Marilou Mirasol, Marilen Buckholder



HABITAT for Humanity young achievers: Simon Tantoco, Isabel Francisco, Pedro Roxas Jr., Kevin Yang

SOMOZO CONNECTIONS: [illegible]

LYN Gamboa

RITCHIE Ramos, Alexa Montalbano

ROXANNE and Marco Rodriguez

[illegible] and Poly Johnson

MARICAR and Leo Po

Internat'l confab on UST heritage and history

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Additional shows for 'Noli Me Tangere: The Opera'

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'Sleeping Beauty' in CCP

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FLIP-FLOP CELEBRITY LINE

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Experience paradise with BDO's precious metals

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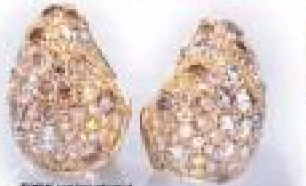




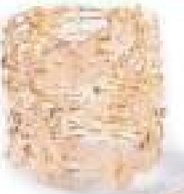




USING red rubies and green tourmalines, H. Stern gives an exquisite rendition of the lizard, a symbol of luck, wisdom and knowledge in many cultures.



"SOFIA" earrings adorned with pavé-set diamonds



SET in H. Stern's signature 18K Noble Gold, the quiet elegance of the "Kaleko" cuff is perfect for either day or night.



IMPRESSIONIST influences in the "Giverny" pendant are shown through subtle variations in the diamonds' color.

H. Stern jewelry: The unusual is chic

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the craze in the '50s and '60s. Set with a graduation of white, yellow and cognac diamonds, "Sofia" displays pavé-set rings and earrings in H. Stern's trademark 18K noble gold, forming lustrous blooming flowers.

The brand also captures the hues of nature in gemstones such as citrines of varying shades, from pale yellow to vivid orange, amethysts, and rutilated and smoky quartzes set in 18K yellow or noble gold adorned with diamonds and sapphires.

The brand's knack for turning unusual ideas into haute jewelry is evident in its "Cobblestones" and "Sardine" collections. The former features irregular-shaped stones reminiscent of a cobblestone street in Sao das Pedras, Brazil, while "Sardine" has collections of crystal invoking the image of large, vigilant eyes.

Elaborate detailing and refined craftsmanship are also manifested in the brand's collection called "Golden." The jewels, molded into delicate shapes with minute kinetic leaves surrounded by diamonds, are reminiscent of the Japanese art of origami.

Another Art Deco-inspired line is "Virtuosi," which offers fine gemstones classed in deep shades, created in large sizes and cut in simple rectangular shapes, then presented in exquisite necklaces and bracelets. The setting is kept minimal and architectural with fume quartz in dark brown and deep blue aquamarine.



MODEL wearing H. Stern jewelry



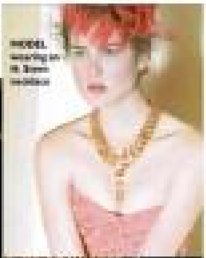
FROM glowing orange to pale yellow Citrine gemstones, the rows of the "Kaleko" cuff make for a stunningly refined piece of jewelry.

Of course, what would the holidays be without a lot of sparkle and adornments in gorgeous proportions? H. Stern's "Giverny" collection offers rings, pendants and earrings inspired by Impressionist painter Claude Monet's creations. Though the pieces are modern and bold, they are still kept delicate and elegant, perfect for the holiday festivities.

H. Stern's Private Collection pieces will be available in Adora only for the month of December. *Adora is at 3-F, Greenbelt 5, Ayala Center, Makati City.*



"VIRTUOSI" fume quartz drop earrings with simple rectangular cut stones inspired by Art Deco



MODEL wearing an H. Stern necklace





EMILY Blunt wearing the H. Stern Sunrise Collection; at right, Gwyneth Paltrow wearing the H. Stern Highlight Stars ring

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LOS ANGELES—Anne Hathaway is engaged to boyfriend Adam Shulman, an actor/jewelry designer. They have been dating since 2008. Hathaway, 29, stars in upcoming superhero film "The Dark Knight Rises," playing Catwoman opposite Christian Bale's Batman, set for release in 2012. Reuters

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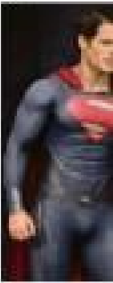


LOS ANGELES—Henry Cavill seems to set the record straight. Yes, he lost out to Daniel Craig for the James Bond role in "Casino Royale."

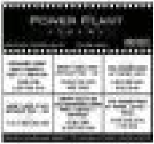
But he wants to clear up reported news reports that led Empire magazine to call him the "unluckiest man in Hollywood"—that he lost the Superman role to Brandon Routh in 2006 and that he was almost cast as Edward Cullen in the

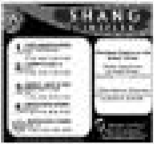
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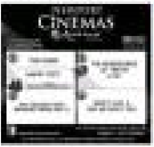
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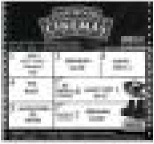




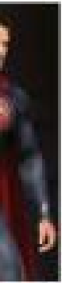












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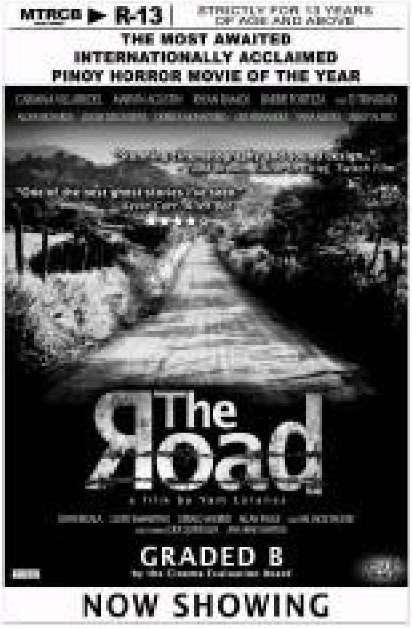








'Mutya' home in Palawan





Pinoy artists-propelled TV series airs in US, Italy soon



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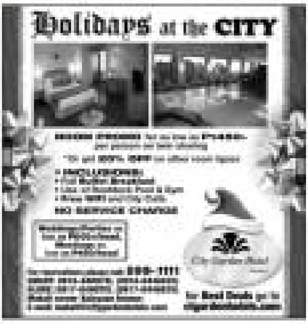
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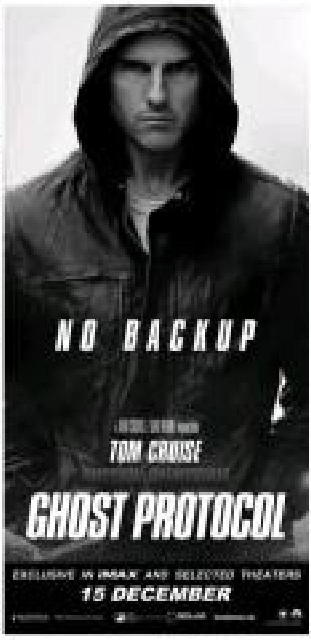


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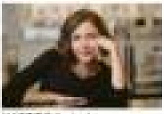


'Gumball' infinitely cute, weird



"The Amazing World of Gumball"





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